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Technikum Morskiej Ziegla in Szczecin, popularly called the Harbor School, trains personnel for harbor and shipping office administration. It is located in Szczecin, in the right wing (as one faces the building) of Technikum Navigacyjne in Ulica Alojza Plastow. The school is co-educational. It accepts pupils who have passed the 'small matriculation' examination and have been politically approved by the PWP and the Sea League. The course lasts two years. It embraces bookkeeping, commercial mathematics, harbor administration, English and Russian language, international marine law and ordinary subjects of political education.

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(fnu) Fugurska - Head of the boarding establishment (Internat) and Mrs. Anna Korenheit - Lecturer on political subjects. The school has the worst possible moral reputation in Szczecin.

3. Podstawowa Państwowa Szkoła Ziegla (Primary State School of Shipping) in Wroclaw, at No. 10 Bruckner Street. The course at this school lasts two years. There are about 120 pupils. The school has its own, very decent, new buildings and its own mechanical workshops. The pupils are also sent out for practical training in workshops and factories of Wroclaw. The students are a varied, difficult group of youngsters. There were wide purges among the pupils in April 52. In winter 1952-53 the authorities allegedly discovered a secret plot of a group (more than 10) pupils who intended to organize an escape to the West.

4. Technikum Morskie Mechaniczne in Gdynia. In autumn 1953 the Technikum Morskie Navigacyjne was to be transferred to Gdynia from Szczecin.

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Technikum Mechaniczne is located at No. 37, Ulica Czerwonych Kosynierow in the pre-War No. 11 building of the Marine school of Gdynia. It has about 100 pupils. Like Technikum Navigacyjne, it accepts pupils who have completed seven classes of primary school and have passed identical entrance exams. The school has its own boarding establishment. The head of the school is [redacted]
[redacted] Jurewicz

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The pupils are subjected to compulsory military training (Studium Wojskowe); they do not know however whether this will eventually shorten their obligatory military service. (Until 1951, the graduates of the school were conscripted, mostly into the Navy, for an ordinary term of service i. e., three years.) In Gdynia, as in Szczecin, this situation has roused many complaints from the pupils, who demand that the authorities explain the matter clearly and tell them if they are entitled to a shortened term of service. In the Gdynia Technikum as at Szczecin, continuous purges are taking place. In the 1952-53 year a group of pupils was expelled. Only a small percentage of the graduates eventually receive their sailing permits.

[redacted] a few of the graduates who enjoy a first-class political reputation, are usually sent to Soviet higher marine schools in Odessa and Leningrad. Presumably they are being trained for posts in the shipping service. The Technikum in Gdynia runs also short courses for mechanics selected on the basis of 'social advancement'. These courses last usually nine months. They are open to seamen considered trustworthy by the authorities."

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